



Appendix 1: Summary of Survey Findings

Introduction

As a continuation of our survey “Public Opinion Survey on Climate Change/Global Warming” in January 2005, Greenpeace has again commissioned Hong Kong University Public Opinion Program to conduct “Public Opinion Survey on Climate Change/Global Warming 2006”. The survey has interviewed Hong Kong citizens aged above 18 and sought their views on climate change and their understanding of the issue. Besides tracking the changes in opinion over the past 18 months, this year’s survey has also included two new questions to solicit the views of respondents on the urgency of our government in dealing with climate change and on whether local power plants should be subject to caps on emission of carbon dioxide.

The survey was conducted by telephone from August 25 to September 4, 2006. A total of 1,017 respondents aged 18 or above and who spoke Cantonese had completed the interviews. The overall response rate was 59.7% with a standard deviation of less than 1.6%. At a confidence level of 95%, the sampling error is below 3%.

Highlights of Findings

The Greenpeace survey indicates a marked increase of awareness on the global impact of climate change over the past 18 months. Some 68.6% of the respondents expressed concern about the global impact of climate change while in the survey conducted last year 53.3% of the respondents showed concerns to the same topic. Those respondents who said they were not concerned about the global impact of climate change decreased to 4.7% from 9.2% of last year.

The findings also indicate a significant increase of awareness on the local impact of climate change. Some 71.7% of the respondents said they were concerned about the impact of climate change on Hong Kong, which the increase is significant when compared to 57.7% in last year’s survey. This year, some 4.7% of the respondents were not concerned about the impact of climate change on Hong Kong, a marked decrease from 9.2% in last year’s survey.

When asked about whether they consider climate change an urgent issue for the Hong Kong government to deal with, an overwhelming majority of 74.8% of the respondents replied in the affirmative while a small proportion (4.7%) expressed the opposite.

The survey showed overwhelming support of putting carbon dioxide emission caps on Hong Kong's power plants. Some 87.5% of the respondents said they agreed that Hong Kong should follow other countries (such as the EU, UK and Japan) to limit carbon dioxide emissions from local power plants while only 1.8% said the opposite.

The full report (including methodology, questionnaire, and detailed findings) of the survey is published in Chinese and is available at <http://hkupop.hku.hk/>.